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E.O. 12065: AOS-4 3/6/00 (HAGERTY, H.G.) OR-P
TAGS: UR, AF, MOPS
SUBJECT: (S) SOVIET MAIN FORCE ACTIONS IN KUNAR REPORTED BY
KABUL REFUGEES

1. (S) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN HEARING REPORTS, ADMITTEDLY THIRD-HAND,
FROM WESTERN NEWSMEN HERE AND IN PESHAWAR THAT THE LATEST
FIGHTING IN KUNAR HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY GRISLY. ACTION,
ACCORDING TO REFUGEES WHO HAVE JUST FLED AREA, INVOLVES
NOT AFGHAN SOLDIERS BUT RUSSIANS, WHO ARE BEING FERRIED
ABOUT IN TROOP-CARRYING HELICOPTERS, WHO ARE BEING SUPPORTED
BY TANKS, GUNSHIPS, JETS, NAPALM, ETC., AND WHO ARE
SIMPLY DECIMATING ENTIRE VILLAGES, KILLING WHOMEVER THEY
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3. ACCORDING TO NEWSMEN, SOME REFUGEES BREAK DOWN IN

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TELLING OBVIOUSLY PAINFUL TALE OF SURVIVING THIS BRUTAL SUPPRESSION BY BEING THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT OUT, ETC.

4. NEWSMEN ARE STILL CHECKING, AND SOME ARE STILL GOING ACROSS IN PUPTI WITH EXILE BORDER-CROSSERS, BUT STORIES SOUND AUTHENTIC IN SUBSTANCE IF NOT IN DETAILS. NEWSMEN SURMISE THAT SOVIET EFFORT IS MAJOR CAMPAIGN AIMED AT REPRESSING INSURGENTS (AND EXILES) IN KUNAR AND POSSIBLY SEALING OFF THE MOST POROUS PORTION OF THE DURAND LINE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

5. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY UNABLE TO EVALUATE INFO HERE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND FROM OUR CONSUL IN PESHAWAR THIS MORNING THAT HE IS RECEIVING (AND CREDITS) MUCH THE SAME BY WAY OF REPORTS.
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